

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Wednesday, April 13; 3:00 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Re: **GM 706** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation
to the Board of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MARK YAMAKAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mark Yamakawa to the Board of Health. I have had the pleasure of working with Mark for the last six years in his capacity as executive vice president and chief operating officer for The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) and through his tenure as Board member and Treasurer for Child and Family Service.

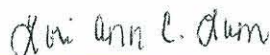
Over a twenty year career with Queen's, Mark has worked in various capacities though always with the distinct purpose of supporting the mission of founders Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV - to improve the health of the people of Hawaii. Hard-working, intelligent, extremely capable and personable, Mark's sense of humor and calm manner have earned him the respect of his colleagues and peers in an industry that sees increased challenges year after year.

A dedicated family man, Mark balances the demands of his position with commitments to family and community and even finds time to indulge his interest in arts.

With his vast knowledge of the health care industry and earnest commitment to bettering the state of health care in Hawaii, Mark will undoubtedly serve the Board of Health with enthusiasm and dedication. I respectfully urge the Committee to approve Mark Yamakawa's confirmation to the Board of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,



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**LATE
TESTIMONY**

SENATE COMMITTEE HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Conference Room 229
April 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Testimony in support of GM 706, which nominates Mark Yamakawa to the Board of Health.

My name is George W. Greene, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), whose membership includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, two-thirds of the long term care beds, home care agencies and hospices, and other related provider organizations. Our provider members employ more than 40,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Mark Yamakawa to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health is established by law to advise the Director of Health on the multitude of issues within the jurisdiction of the Department of Health. The Board of Health consists of eleven voting members appointed by the Governor, who has appointed Mark Yamakawa, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Mark Yamakawa is currently the Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of the Queen's Health Systems, and is responsible for the operations of the Queen's Medical Center and its subsidiaries. Prior to that he served in various capacities in the Queen's system, including corporate development, facilities planning, and systems development.

During his career he has served as a board member of various organizations, including Child and Family Service, Diagnostic Laboratory Services, the Lanakila Pacific Foundation, and Kalihi Palama Health Center. His employment and volunteer activities make him uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Board of Health.

The Queen's Medical Center is a member of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and I have worked with Mark Yamakawa on various projects. I have been impressed with his knowledge of and his dedication to the field of health care. I am confident that his participation as a member of the Board of Health will be valued.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 706.